

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): An adjustable seat assembly for a vehicle, comprising:

an elongate straddle-type seat mounted to the vehicle, the seat supporting a first portion of a sliding guide track assembly, the seat comprising a recess that at least partially contains the first portion of the sliding glide track assembly; and

a body including a backrest, the body slidably mounted atop the seat, the body having an underside that includes a second portion of the sliding guide track assembly, the second portion of the sliding glide track assembly joined with the first portion of the sliding glide track assembly so as to enable adjustment of the body between extreme forward and rearward positions on the seat, and the backrest of the body covering the sliding guide track assembly in at least one position of the body on the seat.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 11, wherein the second portion comprises:

one or more tracks located underneath the backrest, wherein the tracks are at least partially covered by retaining brackets.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 12, wherein the first portion comprises:

a platform having one or more track guides that are sandwiched between the tracks and the retaining brackets, and the track guides slidably supported within a space created by the tracks and retaining brackets.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The adjustable backrest of claim 11, wherein the body comprises one of the backrest, the backrest and an item rack, and the backrest and a storage compartment portion.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): The adjustable backrest of claim 11, wherein the backrest comprises a crest and surface cushion region such that the backrest may be used as a vehicle seat for an additional rider.

Claim 17-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (new): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 11, wherein the backrest of the body covers the sliding guide track assembly at all positions of the body on the seat.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 11, wherein ~~the seat comprises a recess that contains and supports the first portion of the sliding glide track assembly, and wherein~~ the second portion of the sliding glide track assembly is joined with the first portion of the sliding glide track assembly so as to conform the backrest with the seat.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 11, wherein the second portion of the sliding glide track assembly is adapted to slide about the first portion of the sliding glide track assembly so as to enable adjustment of the body between the extreme forward and rearward positions on the seat.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The adjustable backrest of claim 11, wherein the second portion of the sliding guide assembly has one or more track guides which are joined with the first portion of the sliding guide track assembly.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The adjustable backrest of claim 24, wherein the first portion of the sliding guide assembly forms one or more spaces partially occupied by the track guides, and wherein the spaces enable the second portion of the sliding guide track assembly to be slid about the first portion of the sliding guide track assembly in adjusting the position of the body with respect to the vehicle seat.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The adjustable backrest of claim 25, wherein the spaces enable the second portion of the sliding guide track assembly to be slid up to about four inches in at least one direction with respect to the first portion of the sliding guide track assembly.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 25, wherein the track guides are confined within the spaces of the first portion of the sliding glide track assembly.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 11, wherein the sliding glide track assembly is disposed within the vehicle.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The adjustable bracket of claim 11, wherein the vehicle is a snowmobile.

Claim 30 (currently amended): An adjustable seat assembly backrest for a vehicle seat, comprising:

- an elongate straddle-type seat mounted to the vehicle, the seat supporting a first portion of a sliding guide track assembly; and

- a backrest body slidably mounted atop the seat, the backrest body having an underside that includes a second portion of the sliding guide track assembly, the second portion of the sliding guide track assembly joined with the first portion of the sliding guide track assembly so as to enable adjustment of the backrest body between extreme forward and rearward positions on the seat, the backrest body operatively coupled to a locking mechanism, [[and]] the locking mechanism adapted to enable temporary release of the sliding guide track assembly so as to enable adjustment of the backrest body with respect to the seat, the locking mechanism comprising a button mechanism comprising a rod inside a spring, the rod having a button at one end and a peg at the other end, and the locking mechanism comprising a mounting bracket operatively coupled to the seat, the mounting bracket having a slot aperture with a plurality of openings spaced along the slot aperture, wherein each of the plurality of openings are configured for engaging the peg, and wherein the peg is configured for disengagement from any one opening when the button is activated.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 30, wherein the locking mechanism is operatively coupled to a surface of the backrest body which is opposite of a surface of the backrest body in contact with the seat.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 30, wherein the locking mechanism is operatively coupled to the seat.

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (currently amended): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 30 ~~[[33]]~~, wherein the peg is confined within the slot aperture.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 30 ~~[[33]]~~, wherein the slot aperture extends from front to back in relation to the seat.

Claim 36 (new): An adjustable seat assembly backrest for a vehicle seat, comprising:
an elongate straddle-type seat mounted to the vehicle, the seat supporting a first portion of a sliding guide track assembly, the seat comprising a recess that at least partially contains the first portion of the sliding glide track assembly; and
a backrest body slidably mounted atop the seat, the backrest body having an underside that includes a second portion of the sliding guide track assembly, the second portion of the sliding guide track assembly joined with the first portion of the sliding guide track assembly so as to enable adjustment of the backrest body between extreme forward and rearward positions on the seat, the backrest body operatively coupled to a locking mechanism, and the locking mechanism adapted to enable temporary release of the sliding guide track assembly so as to enable adjustment of the backrest body with respect to the seat.

Claim 37 (new): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 36, wherein the locking mechanism is operatively coupled to a surface of the backrest body which is opposite of a surface of the backrest body in contact with the seat.

Claim 38 (new): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 36, wherein the locking mechanism is operatively coupled to the seat.

Claim 39 (new): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 36, wherein the locking mechanism comprises:

a button mechanism comprising a rod inside a spring, the rod having a button at one end and a peg at the other end; and

a mounting bracket operatively coupled to the seat, the mounting bracket having a slot aperture with a plurality of openings spaced along the slot aperture, wherein each of the plurality of openings are configured for engaging the peg, and wherein the peg is configured for disengagement from any one opening when the button is activated.

Claim 40 (new): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 39, wherein the peg is confined within the slot aperture.

Claim 41 (new): The adjustable seat assembly of claim 39, wherein the slot aperture extends from front to back in relation to the seat.